EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher Lipp (Reg. No. 41,157) on 11/24/2009.

The claims have been amended as follows:

1.   (previously presented):   A method for searching for a video clip, comprising:

displaying a plurality of first video clips of a video file on a screen of a video playing apparatus;

selecting a first video clip among the displayed first video clips;

determining whether a total play time of the selected first video clip is greater than a predetermined time;

if it is determined that the total play time of the selected first video clip is not greater than the predetermined time, playing the selected first video clip; and

if it is determined that the total play time of the selected first video clip is greater than the predetermined time, segmenting the selected first video clip into a plurality of second video clips according to a predetermined division reference, and displaying the second video clips.

2.   (previously presented):   The method according to claim 1, wherein the

segmenting the selected first video clip comprises segmenting the selected first video

clip with reference to an I-frame (Intra frame).

3.   (previously presented):   The method according to claim 1, wherein the division

reference is a predetermined time interval.

4.   (currently amended):   The method according to claim [4]1, further

comprising:

        selecting a second video clip among the displayed second video clips;

        determining whether a total play time of the selected second video clip is greater

than the predetermined time;

        if it is determined that the total play time of the selected second video clip is not

greater than the predetermined time, playing the selected second video clip; and

        if it is determined that the total play time of the selected second video clip is

greater than the predetermined time, segmenting the selected second video clip into a

plurality of third video clips according to the predetermined division reference, and

displaying the third video clips.

5.   (previously presented):   The method according to claim 1, wherein the

termination condition is that a play time of the selected video clip is less than a

predetermined time.

6.   (previously presented):   A method for searching for a video clip, comprising:

displaying a plurality of first video clips of a video file on a screen of a video

playing apparatus;

selecting a first video clip among the displayed first video clips;

determining whether a specific time to play the video file corresponding to the

selected first video clip is input;

if it is determined that the specific time is input, playing the video file

corresponding to the selected first video clip from a position corresponding to the input

specific time when the user inputs the specific time into the user interface;

if it is determined that the specific time is not input, determining whether a total

play time of the selected first video clip is greater than a predetermined time;

if it is determined that the total play time of the selected first video clip is not

greater than the predetermined time, playing the selected first video clip; and

if it is determined that the total play time of the selected first video clip is greater

than the predetermined time, segmenting the selected first video clip into a plurality of

second video clips and displaying the second video clips.

7.   (previously presented):   The method according to claim 6, wherein the playing

the video file includes playing the video file corresponding to the selected first video clip

starting from an I-frame (Intra-frame) closest to the position corresponding to the input

specific time when the user inputs the specific time into the user interface.

8.   (previously presented):   An apparatus for searching for a video clip, the

apparatus comprising:

        a video playing apparatus;

        user interface means for providing a user interface which is displayed on a

screen of the video playing apparatus, the user interface including a display area where

video clips are displayed, and a video clip information area where information on a

video clip selected among the displayed video clips is displayed, wherein the user

interface means displays a plurality of first video clips of a video file, determines

whether a total play time of a selected first video clip among the displayed first video

clips is greater than a predetermined time, displays the selected first video clip if it is

determined that the total play time of the selected first video clip is not greater than the

predetermined time, and segments the selected first video clip into a plurality of second

video clips according to a predetermined division reference and displays the second

video clips if it is determined that the play time of the selected first video clip is greater

than the predetermined time.

9.   (canceled).

10.   (previously presented):   The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the

frame refers to an I-frame (Intra frame).

11.   (previously presented):   The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the division reference is a predetermined time interval.

12.   (original):   The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the information on the video clip refers to information on a play time of the selected video clip.

13.   (original):   The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the user interface further includes a play control area to play the selected video clip.

14.   (previously presented):   The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the user interface means determines whether a total play time of a selected second video clip among the displayed second video clips is greater than the predetermined time, plays the selected second video clip if it is determined that the total play time of the selected second video clip is not greater than the predetermined time, and segments the selected second video clip into a plurality of third video clips and displays the third video clips if it is determined that the total play time of the selected second video clip is greater than the predetermined time.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GREGORY A. DISTEFANO whose telephone number is (571)270-1644. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Bashore can be reached on 571-272-4088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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